IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yasuhiro UEZU et al.

Serial No. NEW : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH

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METHOD FOR DETERMINING RADIOACTIVE NUCLIDES (Rule 1.53(b) Continuation of Serial No. 09/866,776, Filed May 30, 2001)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows: